

Ready to Read

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Dig Into Reading! Fairfax County Public Library's Summer Reading Program



Reading with children is one of the most important things you can do to help them succeed in school. Staff at the Fairfax County Public Library can show you great books to read to children this summer.

At the library, you can apply for a free library card and sign up for fun activities. By participating in the library's Summer Reading Program, children can win prizes for the reading you do together!

The Summer Reading Program runs from June 18 to August 31. To receive a coupon booklet full of free and discounted prizes, preschoolers should read, or have someone read to them, 15 books. You may find book suggestions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

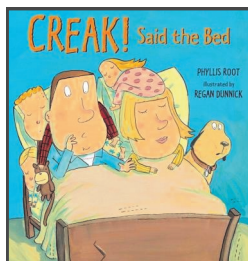
Turn in completed reading logs to your library branch by August 31.



Great Authors...Great Books for Summer Reading

Fairfax County Public Library has a wonderful selection of books that young children will enjoy hearing read aloud. Find these and many other stories by well-loved authors at your neighborhood library branch!

Books by Phyllis Root



Creak! Said the Bed

In the middle of a dark, stormy night, one child, then another, then a third wake their mother and ask to climb into the bed. When the last member of the family arrives, Papa declares there is no more room.

Looking for a Moose

Four children set off into the woods to find a moose.

One Duck Stuck

In this counting book, increasingly larger groups of animals try to help a duck that is stuck in the sleepy, slimy marsh.

Books by Rebecca Emberley

The Ant and the Grasshopper

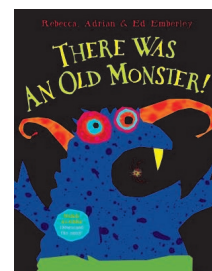
A weary ant is energized by the swinging sounds of a grasshopper and his "buggy" band.

Chicken Little

A retelling of the classic story of Chicken Little, who has an acorn fall on his head and runs in a panic to his friends to tell them the sky is falling.

There Was an Old Monster

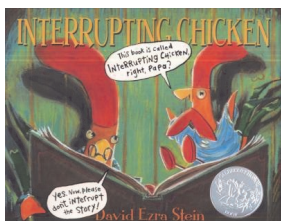
A monster swallows ants, a lizard, a bat and other creatures to try to cure a stomach ache than began when he swallowed a tick.



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Books by Ezra David Stein



Interrupting Chicken

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

Leaves

A curious bear observes how leaves change throughout the seasons.

Pouch!

A baby kangaroo takes his first tentative hops outside of his mama's pouch, meeting other creatures and growing bolder each time.

Books by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Bedtime for Mommy

In a reversal of the classic bedtime story, a child helps her mommy get ready for bed, enduring pleas for one more book, five more minutes of play time and a glass of water before the lights go out.

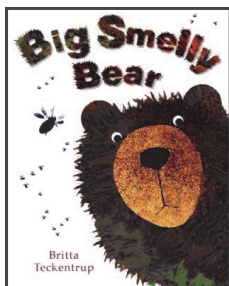
Little Pea

Little Pea hates eating candy for dinner, but his parents will not let him have his spinach dessert until he cleans his plate.

Yes Day!

A little boy gets everything he asks for on Yes Day, a special day that only comes once a year.

Books by Britta Teckentrup



Big Smelly Bear

Big Fluffy Bear insists that Big Smelly Bear visit the pond for a bath before she will scratch the itch he cannot reach.

Grumpy Cat

A lonely cat - who always looks grumpy - cannot get rid of the kitten who likes him.

Little Wolf's Song

Even though Little Wolf's mom, dad, sister and brothers all have their own special song, he can only manage a poor, pitiful squeak.

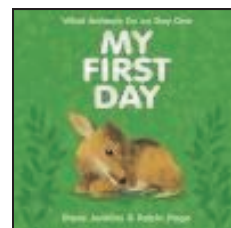
Informational Books

Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner

Rhyming text reminds the reader that dinosaur bones once belonged to living, breathing creatures.

My First Day by Steve Jenkins

Explore some of the fascinating things that animals do on their first day.



Shades of People by Shelley Rotner

This book explores the many different shades of human skin, and points out that skin is just a covering that does not reveal what someone is like inside.

Sign Up Preschoolers Online!

- 1) Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library and select "Summer Reading Program."
- 2) Select "kids."
- 3) Select "Sign Me Up."
- 4) Fill out the form (be sure to note your user name and password).
- 5) Select "Add/View Log" to record your books.
- 6) When children have read 15 books or had them read aloud, you may print a certificate of completion.
- 7) Come to your library's information desk (with or without certificate).
- 8) Receive prize: a booklet of coupons for free and reduced-price items from our sponsors.
- 9) Keep reading and recording more books (but children will only receive one coupon booklet).

